

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DIANA R. SAYEGH, ANTHONY MATIAS, MARLENE HESLOP, ISSA THALGY, JACQUELINE THALGY, KRISHENDAY MARJAH, WENDY RAM, TEELUCK RAM, MARY BOSTWICK, TINA BOSTWICK, ANTON LUKAJ, MICHAEL MATIAS, AMAYRA PEREZ, JASON K. RAMPERSAD, Jr., an infant by his mother and best friend KRISHENDAYE MARJAH and DELFIM HEUSLER,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

PHILIP AMICONE, individually, EDMUND HARTNETT, individually, JOHN A. LISZEWSKI, individually, JOHN FLEMING, individually, DAVID SIMPSON, individually, LAWRENCE A. PORCARI, Jr., CITY OF YONKERS, New York, PAUL WOOD, individually, POLICE OFFICERS JOHN DOES #1 to #20, individually, and SANITATION WORKERS #1 to #20, individually,

Defendants.

Defendants¹ by and through their attorneys, Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, answer the complaint of Plaintiffs (the "Complaint") as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Deny the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Complaint as they relate to the actions of the Defendants. The remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Complaint state legal conclusions as to which no responsive pleading is required.

¹ Defendant Lawrence A. Porcari, Jr. does not answer the Complaint. Instead, he has filed a motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) to dismiss the Complaint.

JURISDICTION

2. The allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of the Complaint state legal conclusions as to which no responsive pleading is required. Defendants respectfully refer the Court to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343 for their complete terms.

THE PARTIES

3. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

5. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

6. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 6 of the Complaint.

7. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Complaint accept admit that

John Fleming is an employee of the Defendant City.

8. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Complaint accept admit that

David Simpson is an employee of the Defendant City.

9. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.

10. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

11. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

12. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

THE FACTS

13. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

14. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

15. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

18. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 18 of the Complaint.

19. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

20. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 21 of the Complaint.

22. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of the Complaint.

23. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 23 of the Complaint.

24. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM

25. In response to the allegations contained in paragraph 25 Defendants repeat and reallege their responses set forth in paragraphs 1-24 of as if fully incorporated herein.

26. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. The Defendants are entitled to qualified and/or absolute immunity.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

29. Plaintiffs lack capacity and or standing to sue.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

30. The Court lacks personal and/or subject matter jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an order

- (i) dismissing the Complaint in its entirety;
- (ii) awarding the Defendants attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (iii) granting Defendants any other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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